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**In this edition, you will find new updates on the following:**

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***A. SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS***

**Operation: Happy Holiday**

**Donations being accepted now until November 11th**

Join the Student Athlete Advisory Committee & Student Veterans Group in supporting our troops overseas by donating items to give them some of the comforts of home. The following donations are being accepted: small candy (mini candy), individually packaged foods (ramen noodle soup, tuna, Beefaroni -8oz or less) insect repellent (no aerosol), toothbrush/paste, hand/foot warmers, disposable razors, baby wipes, sun blocks, hair ties, dental floss, tape and more. These donations will benefit Stockings for Soldiers. Donation locations are as follows: Athletic Dept.-Sturzebecker220, Veterans Center-624 S. High St., WCU Sykes Student Union and WCU FHG Library.

[**Registration**](https://orgsync.com/29326/forms/221909) **is now open for the first annual WCU Global Engagement Leadership Conference** on Friday, November 4th from 2-7 pm in Sykes Student Union!  Participants will develop their own personal definition of global leadership and network with fellow students, faculty, staff, and representatives from globally-minded organizations such as the Peace Corps, UN Association, and CISabroad.  This event is free, and dinner and giveaways are included.  This event is sponsored by Student Leadership and Involvement, the Center for International Programs, the Twardowski Career Development Center, and the Office of Service-Learning and Volunteer Programs. Questions? Contact Charlie Warner, Director of Student Leadership and Involvement at cwarner@wcupa.edu.

**The** [**WCU South Campus Garden**](https://wcupasouthgarden.wordpress.com/) **is always in need of volunteers** to help with harvesting, weeding, and maintaining the garden! The garden is open for volunteers to work on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9-11a.m. and 12:30-2:30 p.m.  Students can also volunteer outside of those hours once they have undergone a brief training. For more information, please contact garden intern Rachel at RL793003@wcupa.edu.

**Join the Voter Registration and Engagement Team** Now through Election Day!If you or your student club or organization would like to volunteer to host a table on campus to increase voter turnout and engagement, please contact Aileen Assumma

 @ AA823823@wcupa.edu. Volunteers are also needed on Election Day for crowd control and polling location assistance for students.

**Share you talents and put a smile on a senior’s face!! Calling all musicians, singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, and performers**!!!!  The Downingtown Area Senior Center is looking for any student musicians, singers, dancers, magicians, comedians, and performers in general who might be interested in volunteering to put on their own hour-long show/performance for the seniors in the upcoming months. This is a fun opportunity for clubs or organizations to do as a group! Choose any hour long slot for any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoon between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (or choose multiple days/times. The more the merrier!) Please contact Lindsay Beegle at Lbeegle@downingtownseniors.org for more information.

**Generosity Philadelphia Run/Walk to End Homelessness**

**Sunday, October 30th**

Help end homelessness by joining Pathways to Housing PA and the Philadelphia Furniture Bank in the Generosity 5K Run/Walk! Generosity Philadelphia is a multi-charity 5K, perfect event for walkers or runners! Bib Pickup 7:30 a.m.  Start Time 9:00 a.m. at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.  Registration is $20.  For more details, visit: [http://generosityseries.com/Pathways.](http://pathwaystohousingpa.us2.list-manage2.com/track/click?u=115c48f0ac10573c43cc1cc1b&id=0cc1ab86c0&e=6e99113a0b)

**Chester County Color 5K Walk/Run, Everhart Park, West Chester, PA**

**Saturday, November 5th**

Registration is at 8:00 a.m.  Race begins at 9:00 a.m. support Chester County’s first Color 5k – a family-friendly fun run that will raise awareness and funds to continue to educate, treat and prevent the growing epidemic of opioid and heroin drug abuse. Monies raised this year will be dedicated to funding hospitals throughout Chester County to study and coordinate a “warm hand-off" program. The “warm hand-off" program transitions those who have been saved from an overdose into long-term treatment and counseling.

*B.* ***UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**Donut Forget to Vote**

**Wednesday, October 26**

**Residential Quad, 11:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.**

The event is our major voter education and polling information push across campus. We'll have several tables, equipped with non-partisan candidate guides, sample ballots, precinct maps for North and South Campus, pins with "Donut Forget to Vote" written on them, and donuts. Volunteers are needed on North Campus to table from 11:00-3:00, passing out materials and looking up students' polling locations on their phones.

To sign up for a shift, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944adab28a3fe3-donut>

**American Red Cross Blood Drive, Goshen Hall**

**Wednesday, October 26th**

Did you know 1 pint of blood can save up to 3 lives? Do your part and donate now or volunteer.   The blood drives usually run from 3 – 8 pm.

**Kennett YMCA Healthy Halloween Bash**

**Saturday, October 29th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

This FREE event is open to the community and will be a spooktacular night filled with Halloween games, spooky stories, inflatables, a scary room, crafts, music, and much more!

Volunteers are needed to help make this a successful and fun night.  If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Kathleen Lucenius at klucenius@ymcagbw.org or 610-444-9622 x2338.

**Lionville YMCA Healthy Halloween Celebration**

**Saturday, October 29th, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed for different areas of this event: Haunted Hallway Scare Character, Laser Tag Attendant and Community Room Attendant. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, please contact Kelly Henson at khenson@ymcagbw.org or 610-363-9622 x2915

**American Lung Association**

**Radnor Run (5 mile race/1 mile run and walk)**

**Sunday, October 30th, 2016**

Come out and run or volunteer in Wayne, Pa for the American Lung Association. The run will begin at 6:00 a.m. and end at 12:00 p.m. Volunteer shifts will be 6:00 a.m.- 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The volunteers will be setting up the running route, managing water stations, working the concession stands, and handing out T-shirts. If you are interested in volunteering please register online at [www.lung.org/RadnorRun](http://www.lung.org/RadnorRun) or contact Ashley Keller at 610-253-5060 or akeller@lunginfo.org.

**Brandywine Conservancy Tree Planting, Downingtown, PA**

**Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Come out and help plant trees this fall!  Exact locations will be emailed to participants after they register.  Snacks and water will be provided at all tree plantings. Tree plantings are a group and family-friendly activity that require no previous experience. Students should sign-up by emailing me at mmayer@brandywine.org

**The Hickman**

**Fall Clean Up**

**Saturday, November 5th, 9:00am -12:00pm**

Come on out and clean up the streets of West Chester at 400 N. Walnut Street. A continental breakfast will be provided. If interested or in need of more information please contact Jen Harris at jharris@thehickman.org or call 484-760-6306. Please RSVP by Wednesday, November 2nd, 2016.

**Election Day Volunteers**

**Tuesday, November 8th, 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Volunteers are needed all day on Election Day at Lawrence Center. Roles include directing students to their polling location, crowd control, holding temporary proxy in line, etc.

To sign up for a shift, go to: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090944adab28a3fe3-election>

**Annual West Chester University Turkey Trot 5k, Ehinger Gym**

**Thursday, November 10th (Rain Date: Thursday, November 17th)**

Come join the fun! Volunteers are needed for West Chester University’s Annual Turkey Trot. The Turkey Trot is a 5k on campus that is open to everyone and benefits the Chester County Food Bank. The roles of volunteers include set-up, clean-up, registration assistance, T-shirt distribution, food distribution and route monitors. To register to volunteer, visit <https://orgsync.com/34350/forms/227017>. For additional information, contact Mariah Laraio at MLaraio@wcupa.edu

**Giving Tuesday, KenCrest 3rd Annual Day of Service**

**Tuesday November 29th**

KenCrest hosts a Day of Service where volunteers have the opportunity to volunteer at a KenCrest site close to your home or place of work. #Giving Tuesday is an international day of giving back to the community. Volunteers are needed to help paint, complete yardwork/winterize gardens, help decorate for the holidays, clean/organize supplies, toys. They will also be throwing a holiday party for KenCrest consumers and assembling furniture. If you would like to participate or have any questions contact Barbara, at Barbara.ballard@kencrest.org or 610-825-9369 ext.1129.

***C. ONGOING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES***

**The YMCA Adapted Programs**

**Kennett Area YMCA**

The Kennett YMCA is looking for volunteers to work with special needs children every Tuesday from 4:15-5:00 p.m. for art and 5:15-6:00 p.m. for fitness exercise and every Friday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. for swimming. Volunteers must be able to interact with the children and help them complete the activities, along with supervising them. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nick Pincin at 610-444-9622 ext. 2319 or email [npincin@ymcagbw.org](file:///C%3A%5CJoellen%5CServiceCorner%5C2016%20-%202017%20Academic%20Year%5Cnpincin%40ymcagbw.org)

**Penn State Extension**

**Chester County 4-H**

Chester county 4-H is looking for volunteers to help youth become better citizens, learn a great deal about young people, leadership, and yourself. Enjoy serving and making friends with young people through 4-H and share your skills, talents and hobbies with young people. When volunteering with 4-H, you not only become a leader; but reap so many rewards for yourself and your community. 4-H offers a wide variety of programs that give you the opportunity to get involved in activity or club that interests you and develop your skills while you enrich the lives of the youth you work with. For information contact Toni Stuetz at Penn State Extension Chester County Office at 610-696-3500 or email tstuetz@psu.edu

***CHECK OUT OUR ONLINE VOLUNTEER DIRECTORY FOR EVEN MORE OPPORTUNITIES AT*** [*http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch*](http://wcupa.edu/volunteersearch)